

Leigh “Velvet” Hammond

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October 18, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

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Order of Service

Prelude	John Emory Bush
*Seating of the Family	“Edelweiss”
Welcome	Dr. Thomas O. Brumett
*Hymn No. 314	“In the Garden”
Witness of Scripture	Matthew 5:1-16
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
Anthem	“You’ll Never Walk Alone” Chancel Choir
Witness to Life	Gail Saunders, Waverly Hammond, Brittney Hammond, Paul Ballesteros
Witness of the Gospel	Dr. Thomas O. Brumett
*Hymn No. 707	“Hymn of Promise”
CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION	
<u>Choir</u> : You have heard my word proclaimed. Millions yearn to know my name. Hear me as I call again. Whom shall I send?	
<u>*Congregation</u> : Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.	
*Benediction	
May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.	
Postlude	“My Tribute” Andre’ Crouch

Following the service, you are invited to greet the family at a reception in Dyer Hall.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Obituary

Leigh “Velvet” Hammond, 70, of McKinney, Texas, passed away October 9th at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 13, 1954, in Chelsea, Massachusetts to Clifford and Loretta “Mickey” Stilwell. She married Waverly Hammond and they enjoyed almost 46 years of marriage together.

She was an active member for almost 40 years at First United Methodist Church McKinney, where she was involved in Faith in Action, Choir, Open Hearts, as well as many others groups throughout her life. Velvet lived her faith. After her retirement Velvet found her passion to help champion those in the community experiencing homelessness and from there her mission was ignited. This passion led her to be an active member on the board of Emmanuel Labor where she started Transformation Tuesday and organized food and volunteers for the McKinney Emergency Overnight Warming Station (M.E.O.W.S.). She was a Spirit of Volunteerism Awards nomination finalist for the Pete & Nancy Huff Community Service Legacy Award for outstanding volunteerism in the community. She was a great artist; creating lovely ceramics, mosaics, and beading. Through music and singing she felt God’s presence. She was active in speech and theatre earlier in her life and even taught both. Whatever Velvet did, she did it with heart and inspired others her whole life. Velvet’s last words were “I love my family!” We know she not only referred to her immediate family but also her church family, her neighbors experiencing homelessness, and her community at large.

She received her Masters of Education from East Texas State University. She was Assistant Dean of Students at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. She taught at Bowman Middle School in Plano, TX and then went on to counsel in the McKinney Independent School District at Slaughter Elementary and McKinney North High School where she became lead counselor.

She is survived by her husband Waverly and daughter Brittney of McKinney, Texas; Son, Chad Hammond and wife Anika and Grandchildren: Aurelia and Colette of Denver, Colorado; Sister, Gail Saunders of Paros, Greece; and those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded by her parents Mickey and Clifford and brother-in-law Frank.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Emmanuel Labor and First United Methodist Church of McKinney.



LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Dr. Thomas O. Brumett, Senior Pastor
John Emory Bush, organist
Josh Brumett, audio/visual